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SUBJECT: ASTRONAUT CERNAN AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING

A. FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS GONE TO PRAGUE, WARSAW, BUCHAREST
AND BELGRADE:

1. NASA HAS MADE ASTRONAUT GENE CERNAN AVAILABLE AS AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO OPEN "PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT" EXHIBIT
IN BRATISLAVA OCTOBER 1. CERNAN WHO IS OF CZECH AND SLOVAK
ANCESTRY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ASSIGNMENT.

2. CERNAN WHO IS MISSION OPERATIONS ADVISOR ON APOLL-SOYUZ
TEST PROJECT FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR MID-1975 WILL BE IN MOSCOW
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21. NASA HAS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER HE
MIGHT BE PROGRAMMED BY AGENCY IN EAST EUROPE FROM SEPTEMBER
21 TO OCTOBER 1.

3. CERNAN WOULD WELCOME SUCH PROGRAMMING. HE WAS COMMANDER OF
APOLLO-17 ON LAST MOON LANDING, AND LUNAR MODULE PILOT ON
APOLLO-10. HE ALSO FLEW ON GEMINI-9. HE IS EXCELLENT AT PUBLIC
AFFAIRS WORK. CERNAN'S SPECIALITY AS ASTRONAUT WAS SPACECRAFT
PROPULSION AND ROCKET ENGINE TECHNOLOGY.

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4. AGENCY AWARE POSSIBLE SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS. CERNAN IS TRAVELING ALONE AND WILL BE ABLE TO LECTURE ON JOINT RUSSIAN-AMERICAN 1975. MISSION WHICH MIGHT MAKE PROGRAMMING HIM LESS DIFFICULT IN EASTERN EUROPE COUNTRIES. REQUEST REPLY.

B. IF INTERESTED PROGRAMMING CERNAN, REPLY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 3, INDICATING FIRST AND SECOND PREFERENCE DATES.
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